

Honorable Marsha J. Pechman

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

DEREK TUCSON, ROBIN SNYDER,
MONSIEREE DE CASTRO, and ERIK
MOYA-DELGADO,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CITY OF SEATTLE, ALEXANDER
PATTON, TRAVIS JORDAN, DYLAN
NELSON, JOHN DOES (#1-4), and JANE
DOES (#1-2)

Defendants.

No. 2:23-cv-00017-MJP

DECLARATION OF DEREK TUCSON
IN SUPPORT ON MOTION FOR
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

I, Derek Tucson, declare:

1. I am over the age of 18 and am competent to testify. I am a Plaintiff in the above captioned matter. I have personal knowledge of the following.
2. On January 1, 2021, the defendants arrested me for writing the words "peaceful protest" using ordinary charcoal on the concrete barrier blocking the sidewalk outside of the Seattle Police Department's East Precinct building. I chose to write the words "peaceful protest" to express a message and hope for systemic change and to create discussion and thought among the public about these principles.

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3. My message of “peaceful protest” was meant to be seen by police officers and others who were around the East Precinct. My goal was to get both police officers and the public to think about the importance of peaceful protest.
4. Prior to January 1, 2021, I regularly used sidewalk chalk to write messages of political protest on public sidewalks. I was referred to as “Chalk Guy” by other participants in protests, because I would frequently attend events with a box of chalk.
5. I was shocked to be arrested for using charcoal to write “peaceful protest” on January 1, 2021. As a result of my arrest, I no longer chalked at the local park where messages were regularly chalked in remembrance and appreciation of Summer Taylor, a local protester who was struck and killed by a car. Messages chalked at this temporary memorial included dedications to Seattleites who have lost their lives over the years due to police/state violence and were vital to spreading awareness of these issues in the public forum.
6. After January 1, 2021, my chalking activity generally ceased and I declined to attend protest actions where messaging was the primary goal.
7. I maintain a strong commitment to political protest, specifically regarding police violence, among other topics, and I believe that current and future events in the community will call upon me to speak out and do what I believe is right, including peaceful chalking to spread awareness and discussion of political issues. I believe that if events in the future made me feel compelled to use chalk to express a social or political message, I think I would likely be arrested again since I was arrested on January 1, 2021 for writing such an innocuous and temporary political message.
8. If laws were changed and the City were prohibited from arresting, prosecuting, jailing, or retaliating against me for chalking in the future, I would be inclined to resume my political chalking to keep important issues from being swept under the proverbial rug.

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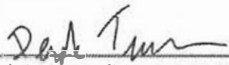
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1 9. In response to this lawsuit, I understand the City recently amended the ordinance I was
2 arrested under. I have reviewed the language of the amended ordinance, which does not
3 alleviate my fear of arrest for chalking.
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5 I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States of America that the
6 foregoing is true and correct.
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8 DATED this 22 day of March, 2023, at Seattle, Washington.
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this date I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to the following individuals:

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s/ Lucas Wildner
Lucas Wildner, Legal Assistant

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